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SUBJECT: CARTER-FUKUDA TELEPHONE SUMMIT

SUMMARY. JANUARY 13 CARTER-FUKUDA SUMMIT WAS VERY WELL
RECEIVED IN JAPAN AND HAS SET EXCELLENT TONE FOR
BEGINNING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO NEW ADMINISTRATIONS.
END SUMMARY.

1. REACTION HERE TO THIS MORNING'S SEVENTEEN MINUTE
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER
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AND PRIMIN FUKUDA HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY POSITIVE. OUR
FONOFF CONTACTS HAVE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH
CONVERSATION AND WATANABE OF FIRST NORTH AMERICAN
AFFAIRS DIVISION INFORMED US THAT PRIMIN FUKUDA WAS
EXCEPTIONALLY PLEASED. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT JAPANESE
IN GENERAL HAVE REACTED VERY POSITIVELY TO EARLY ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN TWO LEADERS AND ARE

ESPECIALLY APPRECIATIVE OF FACT THAT FIRST TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WAS PLACED TO JAPAN. DISPATCH OF VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT MONDALE IS ALSO HIGHLY APPRECIATED AND TOTAL PACKAGE, INCLUDING REMARKS OF SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE AT SENATE HEARINGS, IS TAKEN HERE AS INDICATION OF IMPORTANCE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES TO US-JAPAN RELATIONS.

2. OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE NOT YET COMMENTED ON TELEPHONE SUMMIT -- AND POSSIBLY MAY NOT DO SO. AFTERNOON PRESS HAS ALSO REFRAINED FROM COMMENT, BUT NHK NOON NEWS DID NOTE THAT CARTER'S CALL ON JAPAN TO TAKE SOME ECONOMIC MEASURES AS US AND TO DISCUSS SOUTH KOREAN MILITARY POSITION WILL AFFECT JAPAN'S ASIAN DIPLOMACY -- INDICATING THAT "JAPAN WILL BE ASKED TO ASSUME AN IMPORTANT TASK."

3. IN SUM, WE BELIEVE THAT, DESPITE SOME UNEASINESS CAUSED BY DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS IN US TROOP STRENGTH IN KOREA, NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS GOTTEN OFF TO EXCELLENT START WITH NEW FUKUDA REGIME BY PAYING CAREFUL ATTENTION TO SENSITIVITIES OF JAPANESE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS.
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